Expenditure on account of the S. S. L. C. and V. S. L. C. Examinations of 1104.

250. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a detailed statement of expenditure on account of the S. S. L. C and V. S. L. C. Examinations of 1104 showing separately—

(*a*) remuneration for setting question papers;

(*b*) remuneration for valuing answer papers;

(*c*) travelling allowances; and

(*d*) other expenses for (i) the Board Members, (ii) the Chief Examiners, and (iii) the Assistant Examiners?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Pay of Drawing Masters of Departmental English Schools.

251. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Drawing Masters of Government English Schools were given a pay of Rs. 15 and the undergraduate teachers Rs. 10 and Rs. 12 when the bifurcation of English and Vernacular Schools took place in the year 1078;

(*b*) whether it is true that the undergraduate teachers, *munshis* and Drawing Masters were placed in one grade at the reorganisation of 1088, with a uniform scale of Rs. 25-5/2-40;

(*c*) whether it is true that the case of Drawing Masters was not at all considered when the undergraduate teachers' scale of pay was raised to Rs. 50 with a selection grade also *viz.*, Rs. 50 to Rs. 70 at the reorganisation of 1098;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the examinerships of the drawing examinations are given to high officers such as the Superintendent of the Technical School, when there are experienced Drawing Masters in the department and the chief examinership was given to the Drawing Master of the Training College in the years 1926, 1927 and 1928; and

(*e*) whether there is any reason for not including them at least in the usual grade of Rs. 25 to 50?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; in 1088, undergraduate teachers and Drawing Masters were given the scale of Rs. 25-5/2-40 while *munshis* were started on Rs. 40.

(*c*) No. Their cases also were considered at the time of the reorganisation of 1098 and it was decided that their then scale of pay, *viz.*, Rs. 25-5/2-40 was adequate.

* *Vide* Appendix XXXII—page 1106.

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(*d*) The names of the Chief Examiners in Drawing for the V. S. L. C. Examination in the years up to 1925 and from 1926-30 are given below :—

Up to 1925—Mr. Green, Organiser in Manual Training.

1926, 1927 and 1928—Mr. Punyakoti Naicker, Drawing Master, Training College, Trivandrum.

1929 and 1930—Mr. M. R. Madhavan Unnithan, B. A., Superintendent, School of Arts, Trivandrum.

As regards Assistant Examinerships, only experienced Drawing Masters are as a rule appointed to such examinerships.

(*e*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) above.

Recruitment of Excise Peons.

252. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the recruitment of Excise peons made since 1103 onwards, will the Government be pleased to state whether persons without any educational qualification have been recruited, and, if so, how many and for what reasons?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes; 154 persons with no general educational qualification have been recruited since 1103. In the matter of recruitment of persons to the cadre of peons, attention was paid not to mere educational qualification but to their physical fitness for hard outdoor work.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether these appointments were made, because educationally qualified people were found physically unfit for those appointments ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Member can draw the inference from the answer furnished.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : My points are whether there were qualified people, or physically qualified people, or, physically qualified people unfit from the point of view of educational qualification, or people educationally qualified but physically unfit for holding appointments. These are the four questions that arise and I am not able to draw any inference from the answer furnished.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Among those who were educationally qualified, some were not physically found fit to hold appointments.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Whether there was lack of educationally qualified people who are physically fit to hold appointments ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is the implication.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : The point is that. Government do not say, that the physically qualified are educationally unfit or the educationally qualified are physically unfit. That is why I repeat the question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The answer says that,

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